

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.
RYAN R. LOPEZ, JR.,

18-CR-120-LJV
DECISION & ORDER

Defendant.

1. On July 1, 2020, the defendant, Ryan R. Lopez, Jr., pleaded guilty to a one-count superseding information charging a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 (conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least 5 grams of methamphetamine and conspiracy to distribute that substance). Docket Item 602.

2. On July 1, 2020, the Honorable Michael J. Roemer, United States Magistrate Judge, filed a Report & Recommendation recommending that the defendant's plea of guilty be accepted and that the defendant be adjudged guilty. Docket Item 605.

3. This Court has not received objections to the Report & Recommendation in accordance with Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b)(1), and Rule 59(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the time to object now has expired.

4. This Court has carefully reviewed *de novo* Judge Roemer's Report & Recommendation (docket item 605), the plea agreement (docket item 602), the information (docket item 601), a transcript of the plea proceeding held via Zoom for government (docket item 655), and the applicable law. This Court finds no legal or factual error in Judge Roemer's Report & Recommendation and therefore adopts Judge

Roemer's recommendation that the defendant's plea of guilty be accepted and that the defendant be adjudged guilty of Count 1 of the superseding information.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Court adopts Judge Roemer's July 1, 2020 Report & Recommendation, Docket Item 605, in its entirety, including the authorities cited and the reasons given therein, and it is further

ORDERED that the Court accepts the defendant's plea of guilty and defers acceptance of the plea agreement pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines Section 6B1.1(c), and the defendant, Ryan R. Lopez, Jr., is now adjudged guilty under Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 6, 2020
Buffalo, New York

s/Lawrence J. Vilaro
LAWRENCE J. VILARDO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE